

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A composite cord having a  $1 \times n$  construction ( $n$  is an integer from 3 to 12) with from 2 to 11 metallic filaments and from 1 to 5 polymer fibers having a melting point of from  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$  twisted together.
2. The composite cord according to claim 1, wherein the metallic filament has a diameter of from 0.15 mm to 0.45 mm.
3. The composite cord according to claim 1, wherein the polymer fiber is selected from polyethylene fiber and polypropylene fiber.
4. A pneumatic tire employing for its reinforcing element a composite cord having a  $1 \times n$  construction ( $n$  is an integer from 3 to 12) with from 2 to 11 metallic filaments and from 1 to 5 polymer fibers having a melting point of from  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$  twisted together.